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The main strength of the following 4 Field Army units has been transferred to Korea. Only elements, bearing unit designations, remain in Kwangtung, as follows:

- a. Remnants of the 38 and 40 Armies are now stationed in the outskirts of Canton along the Canton-Huahsien (113-18, 23-29) and Canton-Tsengch'eng (113-49, 23-16) highways and in Hainan Island. These two armies are presently being reinforced.
- b. Six regiments and a mechanized artillery unit of the 42 Army have been transferred to Korea. This army suffered heavy losses. Only a remnant force is left.¹
- c. The 4 Army is fairly strong at present.
- d. Of the 47 Army, the 140 Division is still stationed in Hman; the 139 Division contains only two regiments; the 141 Division contains one regiment.
- e. The remaining force of the 49 Army is less than the strength of one division.
- f. The 42, 44, 47 and 49 Armies are stationed in various hsien along the Pearl River and Weich'ung't'ao (前江島) and Nanshan (108-05, 21-48) for regrouping and strengthening.
- g. The 43 Army is fairly strong and is now in the Swatow-Chaoan area and sea coast districts.
- h. The 48 Army has only the 144 Division, which is stationed in north Kwangtung to protect the Canton-Hankow railroad.
- i. The strength of all eight armies mentioned above totals 100,000.

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1. Comment. According to information available to this office, substantial elements of the 42 Army have been withdrawn from Korea, between 6,000 and 8,000 troops, having been reported in Kwangtung as of early July. These elements are said to have taken over the defense of the Kwangtung coast and to be engaged in regrouping and recruiting.

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